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Senate

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The Senate met at 9 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. Thurmond].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. We have a guest Chaplain this morning. When I first came to the Senate he was my press officer. Later my legislative assistant, later my administrative assistant. One of the finest men I have ever known. He is now a lay preacher, author of many books, and an outstanding citizen.

We are honored to have him with us, Harry Dent, of Columbia, SC.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Harry Shuler Dent, Sr., of Columbia, SC, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. May Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. May all Americans, and especially the membership of this august body of distinguished lawmakers, be a part of Your solution to the evils, the moral meltdown, and the hurts that plague our country and people across the world. May we be Your guiding star of moral and spiritual righteousness for all Americans and all the people of the world.

Please take us as a nation and change us individually and collectively where we need to be transformed so we may be guardians and purveyors of Your great commission and the great commandment as presented to us by Jesus. Use us to turn America and the world to Your will, for Your glory and for the good of all mankind. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, this morning leader time has been reserved. There will be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 a.m.

SCHEDULE

Following morning business, it will be our intention to go to the legislative branch appropriations bill. I hope we can get permission or clearance to do that. There will be rollcall votes, I understand, on that. It is also my hope that we can bring up the military construction appropriations bill. That would need the consent of our colleagues.

We need to do six appropriations bills before the August recess—whenever that starts. This will be very helpful. We will at least complete action on two of those this week. We still have the matter of the rescissions package, which I am not going to worry about anymore, for the next few days. I had it up to my eyeballs with the rescissions package.

Then we have also S. 343. There could be a vote on cloture today on regulatory reform. It seems to me we have just about reached—we have been negotiating, I think, in good faith.

We have had people on both sides. I think we are prepared to make some additional changes if that will be helpful. But I do not see much movement on the other side, as far as votes are concerned. It seems to me that that vote could come today. I will be visiting with the distinguished Democratic leader, Senator DASCHLE, and will make a judgment, whether that be today, tomorrow, or next week.

I did indicate to the President that I was inclined to accede to his request for Bosnia, but I want to talk to some of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who are cosponsors. I certainly want to cooperate with the President where possible. I have indicated to the Democratic leader if we could work out some agreement on a vote on that

early next week, that we certainly would try to accommodate the President's request.

Beyond that, depending on what happens today, we could be on the Ryan White measure tomorrow. On Monday, we will be considering gift and lobbying reform. On Tuesday, we hope to go to foreign ops and the State Department authorization bill. That will probably take at least 2 or 3 days.

I advise my colleagues, as far as we know at this point, there will be votes throughout today. There will be votes tomorrow. If there should be any change, I will certainly come to the floor and make the announcements so my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will have notice.

I reserve the balance of my leader's

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ASHCROFT). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein not to exceed 5 minutes each.

RESCISSIONS

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I will manage the minority leader's time. Mr. President, I want to respond to the majority leader in a very positive, and by no means personal, way.

Mr. President, first of all, I thank the majority leader. He is quite right. There have been negotiations that have gone on for some time. I believe that we would be ready very soon to go forward on the rescissions package.

There were several issues. The majority leader has now been working with us. We have agreed to have debate on a number of amendments—one dealing with the low-income energy assistance,

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